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Crash Kills Pilot Who Was Lawyer For 'Plot' Figure

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—George Piazza II, one of the Delta Air Lines pilots killed early today in the crash of a DC8 jet, was an attorney for one of the figures in Dist. Atty Jim Garrison's Kennedy assassination conspiracy inquiry.

The 30-year-old Piazza, who combined the careers of pilot and attorney, was a cousin of Marguerite Piazza, the well-known operatic singer.

Piazza was the counsel for James Lewallen, a onetime roommate of David W. Ferrie. Garrison claims Ferrie, who died Feb. 22, was one of the group which conspired here to kill President Kennedy.

Piazza won the top law award from Loyola University School of Law here when he graduated in 1964. He became an assistant district attorney under Garrison in 1965 but resigned in 1966.

Lewallen, who has been questioned by Garrison's staff, is also a pilot, as was Ferrie.